

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. CR 18-4176 JB

STERLING ISLANDS, INC.,
AL-ZUNI GLOBAL JEWELRY, INC.,
JAWAD “JOE” KHALAF,
NADER KHALAF,
NASHAT “NASH” KHALAF,
ZAHER MOSTAFA, and
TAHA “TOM” SHAWAR,

Defendants.

JOINT MOTION TO CONTINUE PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

COME NOW all parties, for good cause, and request that the Court reschedule the Pretrial Conference currently set for October 21, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. (Doc. 68). As grounds for this request, counsel state as follows:

1. All parties remain fully engaged in diligently negotiating a resolution to the matter.
2. A substantive meeting between all parties, including additional interested parties, is anticipated to be held next week following the scheduled pretrial conference.
3. The parties agree that a status conference will be more prudent for the parties to report the progress of the parties’ negotiations after the meeting is held.
4. The proposed continuance will not prejudice either party.
5. For this reason, all defense and government counsel respectfully request that the matter be continued.

WHEREFORE, undersigned counsel respectfully requests that the Court continue the pretrial conference set for October 21, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 18, 2019, I filed the foregoing pleading electronically through the CM/ECF system, which caused all counsel or parties to be served by electronic means, as more fully reflected on the Notice of Electronic Filing:

By: /s/ Ahmad Assed